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TO MRS. ERNEST HART.

THE FIVE HUNDRED SUBSCRIBERS who have united in presenting to you a portrait of your husband have been influenced not only by sincere personal regard for you and for him, but also by the desire to prove how highly they appreciate the devotion of his great abilities for twenty years past to the service of the medical profession and of the public.

As Editor of the *British Medical Journal*, and as Chairman of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the British Medical Association, your husband has exerted a powerful influence for good, not only upon the British Medical Association, but upon the whole medical profession, upon medical education, upon the study of the causes of disease, and on the prevention of contagious and infectious diseases. He has assisted in removing recent obstruction to scientific research, and in lessening dangerous opposition to vaccination.

The improvement of the condition of the sick poor in workhouses and infirmaries, and the establishment by the Legislature of a system of metropolitan asylums; the suppression of baby farming and the passing of the Infant Life Protection Act; the guidance and development of the National Health Society in its useful labours for the diffusion of the knowledge of the laws of health among all classes, and the preservation of open spaces; the extension of coffee taverns in the metropolis; the initiation and conduct of the present public movement for the abatement of the evils arising from the excessive production of smoke, and especially the holding of the Smoke Abatement Exhibition at South Kensington of 1882, and the formation of the National Smoke Abatement Institute:

these are public works of national usefulness to which he has successfully devoted rare energy and capacity.

The position and rewards of medical men who serve their country in the army, the navy, the Indian medical service, and the militia ; in the public health and poor-law services, and in civil life, have been improved or increased by his public and private exertions and social and political influence. By his editorial work, and his writings in the public journals, his labours have largely contributed to advance the wellbeing of the nation, to promote the best interests of the medical profession, and to increase good feeling amongst its members.

These objects could only have been so successfully attained by true devotion to public and professional objects, by vigilant supervision of the labours of others, and by steady determination to aid only the honest and true, and to oppose the false or useless.

In warm appreciation of the value and importance of the public work accomplished by your husband, and of the spirit in which it has been carried out, and knowing that you have encouraged and supported him in his daily labours, we have extreme gratification in presenting you with his portrait, and in expressing our thanks to you both, and our good wishes for your continued prosperity and happiness.

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# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE ERNEST HART TESTIMONIAL FUND,

Presented at Grosvenor House, Grosvenor Street, April 10, 1883.

HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF WESTMINSTER, K.G.,  
in the Chair.

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 Dr. C. Theodore Williams.  
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THE Committee have to report that, acting upon resolutions adopted at a meeting held on June 28, 1882, at which members of the various branches of the medical profession and public medical services were present, it was resolved that steps should be taken to carry into effect the desire to recognise by some public mark of approval the services rendered by Mr. ERNEST HART to various branches of the profession, and the influence which he had, during twenty-five years, exercised on social progress, and in advancing the welfare of the sick poor and the cause of public health. An Executive Committee was appointed for the purpose, consisting of

Dr. F. BOND, Gloucester.  
 Dr. CRICHTON BROWNE.  
 Surgeon-Major EVATT, M.D.  
 Dr. FARQUHARSON, M.P.



Surg.-Gen. JOSEPH EWART.

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Dr. QUAIN.

Dr. ROGERS, V.P. Poor Law Medical Officers' Association.

Mr. SIBLEY.

Mr. GEORGE SMITH.

Sir WILLIAM SMART, K.C.B.

Mr. T. SPENCER WELLS.

Mr. SPENCER WELLS was requested to act as Treasurer,  
Mr. E. NOBLE SMITH to act as acting Hon. Secretary, with  
the assistance of

Sir WM. R. E. SMART, K.C.B., M.D., Inspr.-Genl., R.N.  
Retired List.

A. B. R. MYERS, Surgeon, Coldstream Guards.

JOSEPH EWART, M.D., F.R.C.P., Dep. Surg.-Gen. Bengal  
Army, Retired.

JOSEPH ROGERS, M.D., Chairman of Poor Law Medical  
Officers' Association.

FRANCIS T. BOND, M.D., late President Midland Associa-  
tion Medical Officers of Health, Gloucester.

The following circular was prepared by the Hon. Secretaries,  
and also summaries of Mr. HART's services in connection with  
the Army and Navy Medical Services, and issued for the  
information of the younger members of these bodies, of which  
copies are annexed.

[*Private.*]

24 Queen Anne Street, W.,  
June, 1882.

DEAR SIR,

It is proposed to make some recognition of the public  
services rendered by Mr. ERNEST HART to the profession by presenting  
a portrait of him to his wife. During the 25 years that Mr. ERNEST  
HART has taken part in the discussion of professional subjects, the  
promotion of professional interests, and in influencing professional  
and public opinion, he has rendered services and devoted abilities  
to public work which in the opinion of many of his friends may be  
fitly recognised. This feeling is based upon a sentiment of appre-  
ciation of the independence, energy, ability, and impartial zeal with  
which Mr. HART has promoted medical and social reforms, and

endeavoured to protect medical and scientific interests in such questions as those of experimental physiology, vaccination, registration of disease, educational improvements, both medical and dental, and the union in statement and action of provincial and metropolitan medical men, and also in the services which he has rendered to all sections of the profession. These include continuous and valuable aid in procuring warrants, by personal exertion, and as chairman of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the British Medical Association, for the improvement of the position of the medical officers of the British Army, the Indian Medical Service, the Navy Medical Service, and the Militia.

The valuable results of these services have been officially and unofficially referred to on many occasions, and have manifestly involved a great sacrifice of time, labour, and thought during a long series of years.

Poor-law officers need not be reminded of the active aid which Mr. HART has rendered in the reform of workhouse infirmaries, and the improvement in the position of the workhouse medical officers, and of his continued and friendly support of the society devoted to their interests.

Medical Officers of Health are aware of the services which Mr. HART has on many occasions rendered them in addressing the Government on their behalf in the advocacy of sanitary interests and reform, and in the improvement of sanitary legislation. The Workhouse Infirmary Act, the Infant Life Protection Act, and other public measures are legislative records of the results of his exertions in the course of a long career of public work. Mr. HART's efforts have not only been directed towards the promotion of the welfare of the medical profession, but have had important influence upon national progress, such as the abatement of the smoke nuisance, and many other questions of sanitary reform.

It is proposed to form a committee of a representative character, and to open a subscription list, and we shall be glad to know whether you will authorise the addition of your name to such a Committee, and whether you would desire to subscribe to the fund.

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*Honorary  
Secretaries.*

Some large subscriptions were offered, but it was resolved to limit the subscription to the sum of two guineas. Upwards of £500 has been subscribed by 400 subscribers.

It was at an early date resolved that the proposed gift should take the form of a portrait of Mr. ERNEST HART, to be publicly presented to his wife, with a suitable address. Mr. Frank Holl, R.A., was requested to accept the commission to paint this portrait. Mr. Holl at once undertook the commission, and has fulfilled it in a most satisfactory manner; the portrait being a striking likeness and a fine work of art.

His Grace the Duke of Westminster, who was one of the first to approve the work of the Committee of which he is a member, has kindly lent the use of Grosvenor House for the presentation of the portrait on behalf of the Subscribers by Mr. Spencer Wells, President of the Royal College of Surgeons, and Treasurer of the Committee, and has also consented to take the chair on the occasion.



# APPENDICES.

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## I.

### ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE.

THE following Memorandum has been prepared by the Secretaries of the 'ERNEST HART TESTIMONIAL FUND' from the public journals. It briefly summarises some of the more prominent results of the good work which Mr. HART has done on behalf of the Officers of all ranks of the Army Medical Department—British and Indian—and the Militia Service.

#### 1864.

TOWARDS the close of the Parliamentary Session of 1864, a Bill was introduced, the object of which was to enable the Secretary of State for India to substitute a system of patronage for competitive examinations in recruiting the Indian Medical Service. The Committee regarded the measure as one injuriously affecting the status and interests of the profession at large, and of the Indian Medical Service in particular. Mr. ERNEST HART took an active part in opposing this measure, and furnished Mr. Pope Hennessey with a Memorandum on the subject, which Mr. Hennessey read in the House of Commons in opposing this Bill. Mr. HART further organised an opposition in the House of Commons to the measure, which materially assisted Mr. Hennessey in the remarkable success which he achieved in securing the rejection of this Government measure on the third reading in the House of Commons.

#### 1872.

*April 13th.*—Dr. Desmond (Liverpool) having brought under the notice of the Parliamentary Bills Committee, of which Mr. ERNEST HART was Chairman, communications complaining that the position of Militia Surgeons would be injuriously affected by pending changes without compensation, it was resolved, that when any

opportunity should be presented to the Committee of co-operating to prevent injury occurring to Militia Surgeons under the new Army Regulations of Mr. Cardwell, the Committee would be happy to give their assistance.

### 1873.

*May 24th.*—At a meeting of the Parliamentary Bills Committee, held on May 18th, 1873, Mr. ERNEST HART in the chair, the recent Army Medical Warrant was discussed, statements and communications from Medical Officers and others interested in the subject were read, relating to the unsatisfactory provisions of the Warrant. The result of this was, that a memorandum was drawn up on the points objected to (*see British Medical Journal*, May 24th, 1873), and, on the motion of Dr. Farquharson, the Chairman was requested to bring this document under the notice of the Colleges of Surgeons and Physicians, and to ascertain whether the Secretary of State for War would be willing to receive a deputation on the subject.

A correspondent of the *British Medical Journal*, in a letter addressed to Mr. HART as editor, May 31st, 1873, says: 'The medical profession must be very grateful to you for fighting the battles of the Army Surgeons; and I hope you will forgive my calling your attention to Militia Surgeons, whose grievances are far more serious.' To this communication was appended a note inviting those interested to forward detailed statements of their grievances, and promising that such communications should be immediately brought before the Parliamentary Bills Committee, who would at once take steps to sift it, and see what could be done by adequate influential proceedings with the Government, or in Parliament, towards procuring satisfaction for just claims.

*August 16th.*—Some of the provisions of the new Army Warrant appeared to be inequitable, and financially as well as personally unjust. A very detailed and careful statement on this subject was prepared. The general dissatisfaction arising from these defects was represented to Mr. Cardwell by a deputation of the Parliamentary Bills Committee, and it was stated by Mr. Cardwell, in reply to a question in the House of Commons, that he had the written statements submitted to him under careful consideration, but that the modifications which he was disposed to base upon it involved financial concessions which required the assent of the Treasury.

*November 3rd.*—On November 3rd a communication was addressed to Mr. HART, as Chairman of the Parliamentary Bills Committee, by the Secretary of State for War, enclosing a Supplementary Royal Warrant, restoring to the Medical Officers of the Army privileges of which they had been deprived by the Warrant of the 1st of March. (Subsequent to the deputation, Mr. HART had, at Mr. Cardwell's request, submitted a further written statement.)

The Supplementary Warrant provided that :



- (1) The pay of a Surgeon after fifteen years' service in that rank should be 17s. 6d. per day, but
- (2) Officers of the Army Medical Department, who, prior to 1st March, 1873, were in receipt of forage or forage allowance, in virtue of their several ranks, should continue to receive forage or forage allowance for the number of horses to which they were entitled before that date in accordance with the regulations then in force.

*December 6th.*—In reply to the letter from Lord Lansdowne (forwarded with the Supplementary Royal Warrant of November 4th), a communication was addressed to the War Office by Mr. HART, as Chairman of the Parliamentary Bills Committee, in which it was contended that the re-granting of the 17s. 6d. a day to Surgeons of fifteen years' service was only a restoration of former rights, and that the advantages doled out by one hand had been taken away with the other.

#### 1874.

*May 9th.*—A deputation from the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the British Medical Association waited upon the Secretary of State for War, Mr. Gathorne Hardy, on May 9th, 1874, and laid before him details showing the necessity for changes to be made in the conditions of service for Medical Officers in the Army. With Mr. Hardy was Sir William Muir, K.C.B., Director-General of the A. M. D. Sir William Ferguson, who introduced the deputation, said the subject of the status of the Medical Officers in Her Majesty's Service was one which had taken up much attention, for it came before the Association as one which arose in the Schools of Medicine, and was regarded with peculiar interest by those who were qualifying for the profession. Mr. ERNEST HART, who had devoted much time and distinguished abilities to the study of the question, would explain the views of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the Association. Mr. HART explained that the first object of complaint was that there was now a complete stagnation of promotion, which had arisen, not accidentally or abnormally, but gradually, and went through the abstract of suggestions proposed by the Association. (*See page 623, 1874, vol. i. B. M. J.*) Mr. Hardy promised to give the matter his earnest attention.

At the Annual Meeting the Association held at Norwich (August 15th, 1874), it was stated that the exertions of the Committee had been most gratefully acknowledged in letters addressed to the Chairman, Mr. HART, from Officers of all grades of the Services, and the ultimate result must be beneficial to the Services, the profession, and the public. Statements were prepared by the Chairman of the Committee, which received the assent of experienced and well-advised persons in the Services, and were submitted to the Secretary of State for War and the First Lord of the Admiralty.

In the Report of the Parliamentary Bills Committee, published August 14th, 1875, it is stated:

‘Your Committee have renewed representations to the Secretary of State for War, as to the redress needed for many grievances of the Army Medical Officers. Great pains were taken to ascertain the facts and to submit to Mr. Gathorne Hardy suggestions which would meet the views of the Service at large, and were such as might reasonably be entertained. Mr. Hardy had several times stated that he has tested these statements very minutely, and that he is still giving them his careful consideration. Your Committee trust that before long a Royal Warrant will be issued, making such amendments as to pay, retirement, relative rank, and allowance of Army Medical Officers as will restore contentment and popularity to that important Service.’

A scheme for the reorganisation of the Army Medical Service was published in the *British Medical Journal*, January 1st, 1876.

### 1876.

*August 5th.*—On August 5th it was announced that the long-expected Warrant for the Medical Officers of the Militia had just been issued.

(See the *B. M. J.* of August 19th, 1876.)

*November 14th.*—A meeting of Militia Surgeons was held at the Charing Cross Hotel—Dr. Smyth of Yarmouth in the chair. Mr. ERNEST HART was present by invitation. The feeling of the meeting was that the late Warrant entirely destroyed the past emoluments and advantages of the majority of Surgeons holding commissions in the Militia, and offered no compensation or corresponding advantages in the future. Militia Surgeons were invited to send in a statement of their loss under the new Warrant, and it was recommended that an influential deputation, accompanied by members of the Legislature, should wait upon the Secretary of War.

They also sought the continued assistance on their behalf of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the British Medical Association.

A letter, dated November 15th, 1879, was received from Mr. Hardy, declining to take any steps to alter the measures presented by the recent Royal Warrant (758, 1876, vol. ii.)

### 1877.

*March 17th.*—On March 17th, 1877, it was announced that the Secretary of State for War had agreed to receive a deputation from the Parliamentary Bills Committee on the subject of the grievances of the Militia Surgeons at an early date after the Easter recess.

*April 24th.*—On April 24th, 1877, a deputation of the Parlia-

mentary Bills Committee of the British Medical Association waited upon the Right Honourable Gathorne Hardy at the War Office, in order to lay before him the claims of the Militia Surgeons in reference to the injurious operation on them of the recent Royal Warrant, which materially diminished their income by removing from them an important and remunerative part of their duties. Mr. Mitchell Henry, M.P., introduced the deputation, which was attended by Mr. Childers, M.P., and Lord Claud Hamilton, Sir H. Wilmot, M.P., Mr. Lush, M.P., Mr. Polhill Turner, M.P., Sir Robert Buxton, M.P., and others.

Mr. ERNEST HART made a statement of the grievances complained of, and what was desired to put the Militia Service on an equitable footing, and render them the justice which they claimed. Mr. Hardy's reply, while it acknowledged the hardship, gave no hope of redress.

At a meeting of the Bath and Bristol branch of the British Medical Association, it was proposed and carried that Honorary Secretaries be asked to call the attention of Members of Parliament of that district to the hardships the new Warrant inflicted on Militia Surgeons, and request them to use their influence in Parliament.

It was stated in a Parliamentary Bills Report of August 18th, 1877: 'Mr. Hardy has not up to the present time shown the least intention of affording any redress to the Militia Surgeons who have been thus injured in their prospects.'

At a meeting of the Parliamentary Bills Committee on June 3rd, Mr. ERNEST HART laid upon the table a brief statement summarising the still remaining grievances and disadvantages of Medical Officers in the Army Medical Department. Copies had been officially forwarded to the Secretary of State for War, and by him submitted to the members of the War Office Committee. It had also been placed in the hands of a number of M.P.'s who had interested themselves in the subject.

Meantime the War Office had addressed to Mr. HART a schedule of questions relating to the estimated average emolument of civil practitioners as a basis on which to frame an improved scale of pay for Army Medical Officers.

A copy of this schedule was forwarded to all the members of the Committee, and to the Secretaries of the branches of the British Medical Association.

Twenty-seven approximate estimates were received, and a letter giving these returns was sent to the Assistant Secretary at the War Office, but pointing out that they were necessarily wanting in positive data, and referring to the Income Tax returns as being more reliable.

#### 1879.

*April 5th.*—At a meeting of the Parliamentary Bills Committee on March 19th, 1879, a statement was read from Surgeon-Major Reid, of the Militia Medical Department.

*July 5th.*—The Committee presented to the Secretary of War, Colonel Stanley, a memorial explaining the views of the Committee on the amendments required, and praying that a Warrant for the purpose might be drafted and issued as soon as possible. (*See* pages 26, 27, vol. ii., 1879, *B. M. J.*)

### 1880.

*Jan. 30th.*—It was announced by the Chairman at a meeting of the Parliamentary Bills Committee, held on January 13th, 1880, that the new Army Medical Warrant had been issued, and contained the chief points which had been pressed upon the Government by the Committee, and that he had received many communications from Medical Officers, expressing the gratitude of the department for the successful exertions of the Committee. The Warrant has had the effect of greatly improving the emoluments and privileges of Army Medical Officers and of largely increasing the number of candidates for the Medical Service of the Army.

*July.*—In July, 1880, at the request of the Indian Medical Officers, Mr. ERNEST HART accompanied a deputation to Lord Hartington, Secretary of State for India, respecting the grievances produced by recent changes in the regulations affecting the Medical Service of the Indian Army. Mr. HART expressed the interest which the British Medical Association felt in the subject, and recommended the case of the Indian Army Medical Officers to favourable consideration. The intervention of the Chairman was in 1881 acknowledged by the Indian Medical Defence Committee as having been effective and valuable.

Signed, on behalf of the Committee,

WM. R. E. SMART, K.C.B., M.D.

*Insp.-Genl. R.N., Retired List.*

A. B. MYERS,

*Surgeon, Coldstream Guards.*

JOSEPH EWART, M.D., F.R.C.P.

*Dep. Surg.-Gen. Bengal Army, Retd.*

JOSEPH ROGERS, M.D.

*Chairman of Poor Law Med. Officers' Assoc.*

FRANCIS T. BOND, M.D.

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Gloucester.*

E. NOBLE SMITH,

*24 Queen Anne Street, London, W.*

Honorary Secretaries.



## II.

### NAVY MEDICAL SERVICE.

THE following Memorandum has been prepared by the Secretaries of the 'ERNEST HART TESTIMONIAL FUND' from the public journals. It briefly summarises some of the more prominent results of the good work which Mr. HART has done on behalf of the Officers of all ranks of the Navy Medical Service.

1854-5.

IN the year 1854-5 Mr. ERNEST HART, then a senior student at St. George's Hospital, took a leading part in forming an association of medical students called the 'Naval Medical Reform Association,' and aiming at the improvement of the position of the Navy Assistant Surgeons. At this date the great original grievance of *no cabins for them* was but partially redressed, as the juniors of them slept in the cock-pits with midshipmen when, at the outset of the Crimean War, appeals were made to the students of the various medical schools to assist the Navy by volunteering for service.

Mr. ERNEST HART moved, at a meeting of the medical schools attached to St. George's Hospital, a series of resolutions, urging higher rank, more suitable quarters, and better conditions of service for the Navy Medical Officers. As a result of the resolutions thus passed, similar meetings were held in the other metropolitan medical schools, and the above-named association was formed, Mr. TIMOTHY HOLMES acting as chairman, and Mr. ERNEST HART as honorary secretary. This association carried on its proceedings with great vigour, and succeeded in obtaining a considerable part of its objects, and for the moment satisfied the demand for amended conditions of service. In 1855 the association, considering its work for a time at an end, and desiring to record their sense of the valuable services which Mr. ERNEST HART had given on behalf of the efforts being made to improve the condition of the Naval Assistant Surgeons, presented him with the following testimonial:

'ERNEST A. HART, Esq.

*Honorary Secretary of the Naval Medical Reform Association.*

'SIR,—We, the Committee of the "Naval Medical Reform Association," in behalf of ourselves individually, of the medical students of the United Kingdom generally, and of the profession

at large, beg to offer you our sincere thanks for your untiring energy in the discharge of the duties of Honorary Secretary of the "Naval Medical Reform Association," whose efforts for the amelioration of the condition of Naval Assistant Surgeons have been so eminently crowned with success. Their labours have gained for the Assistant Surgeons in Her Majesty's Navy privileges due to them as Officers, yet long and most unjustly withheld.

'By this tardy act of justice the claims of education to take its proper position in society have been recognised and established, and the dignity of the profession has been indisputably asserted and maintained. In the achievement of this success—no less merited than glorious—the Committee are deeply sensible how much they are indebted to your individual exertions, while they fully appreciate the ability and tact displayed by you in the discharge of duties involving no mean sacrifice of time and no ordinary amount of labour.

'They feel assured that the same zeal and ability you have manifested and the same spirit by which you have been actuated in this cause will ever be extended to the advancement of the profession.

'Accept this testimonial as a special acknowledgment of your services and as an individual mark of esteem.

'Signed on behalf of the General Committee,

'JOHN T. NASON,

'FRANCIS E. ANSTIE,

'SYLVESTER R. SKINNER,

'*Sub-Committee.*'

Subsequently, when the movement was renewed, and a meeting of students held in St. Martin's Hall, for the purpose of claiming improved conditions of service upon the Admiralty, Mr. ERNEST HART was among the most powerful speakers and warmest advocate of this reform. The resolutions passed on this occasion had great effect at the Admiralty, and influenced most favourably the subsequent concessions made.

#### 1867.

In 1867 Mr. HART received information that the Lords of the Admiralty were about to promulgate a system of bounties to students in the medical schools, and to establish a class of naval medical cadets or bonded medical recruits, who would be taken from the class of students, and would be under bond for ten years' service, at least, in consideration of receiving £100 sustenance money during their fourth year of study. By the early announcement of this intention of the Lords of the Admiralty before it was made officially public, and by communications made to the various medical schools, there resulted a series of meetings at most of the leading metropolitan schools, in which the students took steps to



express their sense of the indignity implied in the proposition. The result of this action on the part of Mr. ERNEST HART, and of the prompt response with which his communications to the medical school were met, was that the minute was cancelled, and the circular was withdrawn from promulgation. This prompt and decisive arrest of a measure which aimed at creating a class of bonded medical officers out of the more needy section of advanced medical students was hailed with great satisfaction at the time, and was of undoubted importance in securing the independence of the service, and in putting forward more clearly than ever the necessity for ameliorating the position of naval medical service on the recognised lines of improved remuneration, official rank, and retiring pensions.

### 1873.

*December 6th.*—A deputation of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the British Medical Association waited upon Sir A. Armstrong, the Director-General of the Medical Department of the Navy, on December 6th, 1873. Mr. HART represented to the Director-General the fact that complaints had been made to the effect that Surgeons in the Navy had been refused permission to resign, and that it had not been customary to refuse such permission when asked, unless there existed very strong and special reasons to the contrary, and the belief had spread that Medical Officers had no longer the option of resigning their commissions.

Sir Alexander Armstrong expressed great satisfaction at the course adopted in placing before him the subjects of complaint before pronouncing upon their validity. He stated that it was not the fact that Naval Medical Officers were not allowed, as formerly, to resign their commission when the exigencies of the service admitted it, and when they had shown their desire to endeavour to fulfil their obligations to the country, whose service they entered. The opinion of so influential a body as the British Medical Association was necessarily influential in determining the degree of favour with which the medical service was regarded. He was desirous of advancing the interests of the service in every way, and should always be prepared and pleased to entertain any statements referring to it coming from the Parliamentary Bills Committee.

The deputation thanked the Director-General for the information afforded, and expressed their entire satisfaction with the modification involved in the explanation afforded them of the accredited statements that Medical Officers of the Navy could no longer, as heretofore, resign their commission.

### 1874.

*June 13th.*—A deputation of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the British Medical Association, after the consideration of a

statement prepared by the Chairman, Mr. ERNEST HART, waited upon the First Lord of the Admiralty at Whitehall, on June 10th, 1874, to call his attention to the needs of the Royal Naval Service in regard to medical officers.

Mr. ERNEST HART, in addressing the First Lord of the Admiralty, stated the grievances of which the Naval Medical Service complained, and enumerated a series of proposals which he suggested for their removal (*see* page 780, vol. i., *British Medical Journal* of 1874).

The First Lord, in replying, said the subject was one which was at that time receiving the consideration of the Admiralty, and said he would be much obliged if Mr. HART would forward in writing the representations which had been made, in order that they might be deliberately considered.

### 1875.

*February.*—The Committee had in February 1875 the satisfaction to report that a Royal Warrant had been used, granting to the Medical Officers of the Navy a considerable number of the concessions as to rank, pay, and retirement, which were laid before the First Lord of the Admiralty by a deputation of the Committee (February 13, 1875).

Many warm and generous expressions of acknowledgment were received from Naval Medical Officers for the zealous and successful efforts of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the Association and the Journal in their behalf (*see* Feb. 13, 1875); (*see* pp. 363, 763, vol. i. 1875); (*see* p. 202, vol. ii. 1875).

### 1880.

*August.*—Shortly after the publication of the new Army Warrant, the chairman (Mr. HART) began to collect information from members of the Navy Medical Service concerning the causes which had led to the extreme unpopularity under which the Medical Naval Service had recently suffered. As the result of a mass of communications received, Mr. HART prepared a draft scheme for the improvement of the Navy Medical Service, proposing, among other things, 'that the pay of Naval candidates at Netley should be equalised with that of candidates for the Army.' It was officially suggested to Mr. HART that he should at once formally communicate the details of his scheme to the Lords of the Admiralty. This scheme was accordingly forwarded on Feb. 14th, and referred by the Board to a Departmental Committee.

### 1881.

*April 16th.*—It was announced on April 16th, 1881, that the new Medical Naval Warrant, long promised and deferred, was now issued. The *British Medical Journal* of this date says: 'The warrant is in a large measure the issue of our own efforts for the good of the

service, and is based upon the memorandum of claims drawn up by Mr. ERNEST HART, and submitted by him at official request to the First Lord of the Admiralty, by whom it was referred to a Departmental Committee.'

Signed, on behalf of the Committee,

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